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**VIA FOIAONLINE.REGULATIONS.GOV**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 4 Freedom of Information  
SNAFC Building  
61 Forsyth Street, SW, 9th Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Concerning the City of Valdosta's Sanitary Sewer System and Its Withlacoochee Water Pollution Control Plant**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq., and by way of this letter, I am requesting copies of all records from the past ten years in possession of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, that in any way mention, concern, and/or relate to the **City of Valdosta's sanitary sewer system and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit No. GA0033235 ("Permit") for the City's Withlacoochee Water Pollution Control Plant ("WPCP")**.

This request includes, but is not limited to, the following documents:

1. The complete U.S. EPA file for the Withlacoochee WPCP, including copies of prior and draft NPDES Permits obtained by U.S. EPA;
2. Current and proposed plans and specifications for the City's sanitary sewer system and the Withlacoochee WPCP;
3. All correspondence, written and electronic, between U.S. EPA officials and/or any other entity or individual, including officials from the City or the Georgia Environmental Protection Division ("EPD"), regarding

- violations of the Clean Water Act by the City's sanitary sewer system and the Withlacoochee WPCP;
4. All correspondence, electronic and written, between U.S. EPA officials and officials from the City or the Georgia EPD regarding potential or contemplated Clean Water Act enforcement actions by U.S. EPA against the City over its sanitary sewer system or the Withlacoochee WPCP;
  5. All notices of violations and other enforcement actions prepared by U.S. EPA concerning the City's sanitary sewer system and the Withlacoochee WPCP;
  6. Draft and/or proposed administrative consent orders, prepared by U.S. EPA concerning the City's sanitary sewer system and the Withlacoochee WPCP;
  7. All correspondence, electronic and written, between U.S. EPA officials and officials from the City or Georgia EPD regarding draft or proposed consent orders prepared by Georgia EPD, including U.S. EPA comments;
  8. Complaints received by U.S. EPA concerning the City's sanitary sewer system and the Withlacoochee WPCP and electronic and written correspondence by U.S. EPA officials responding to and concerning such complaints;
  9. Any correspondence, reports, and studies by U.S. EPA on the individual and cumulative effects of sewer discharges from the City's sanitary sewer system and the Withlacoochee WPCP on the water quality of waters of the state throughout the City and the Suwannee River basin; and
  10. Any reports regarding the impact of sanitary sewer spills on water quality in the Withlacoochee River watershed.

If for any reason you determine that certain portions of the requested documents or information are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, please delete any such allegedly exempt material, and furnish copies of those portions of the documents that are not exempt. If any documents are withheld or portions deleted, please identify those documents, the substance of such documents or deletions, and the grounds for withholding such documents or making such deletions. My consent to such deletion at this time in no way waives my right to appeal any determination that may be made concerning the applicability of any exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act to the requested documents and information.

I request that you provide me with exact copies of the requested documents or, where no actual official document exists, a complete and accurate account of the information requested. I agree to pay all reasonable search and associated administrative and copying costs; **however, if these costs exceed \$25.00, I request that you notify me before proceeding**, and provide me with the current fee schedule and an estimated cost to produce the documents, pursuant 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(e). Furthermore, please ensure that the first two (2) hours of administrative

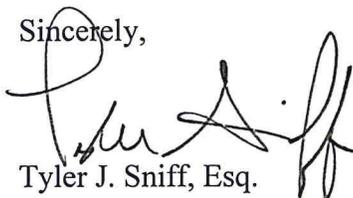
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search time and the first one-hundred (100) pages of documents produced are provided free of charge, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(c)(1)(iv).

Under the Freedom of Information Act, access to the requested records should be granted within twenty (20) working days from the date of your receipt of this request. Within this period, you “must at least inform [me] of the scope of the documents that the agency will produce, as well as the scope of the documents that the agency plans to withhold under any FOIA exemptions.” *CREW v. FEC*, 711 F.3d 180, 186 (D.C. Cir. 2013). Please note that the failure to respond in a timely manner shall be viewed as a denial of this request, which is subject to administrative appeal.

Thank you for your assistance and attention to this request. If you have any questions concerning the foregoing, or if you require further information, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler J. Sniff', written in a cursive style.

Tyler J. Sniff, Esq.  
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